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The Fountains High School

Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy

Child Friendly Version 2021





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Children and young people have an absolute right to be protected from harm. They have a right to expect schools to provide a safe and secure environment.

Here at The Fountains High School we will do everything to ensure that our students are safe and happy.

We will:

1. Have safe environments for children and young people
2. Make sure that adults who work in the school, including volunteers, don't pose a risk to children
3. Check that staff are trained, know how to respond to concerns and keep-up-to-date with policy and practice
4. Teach children and young people about staying safe
5. Have places where our children can feel confident to approach any member of staff if they have a worry or problem.

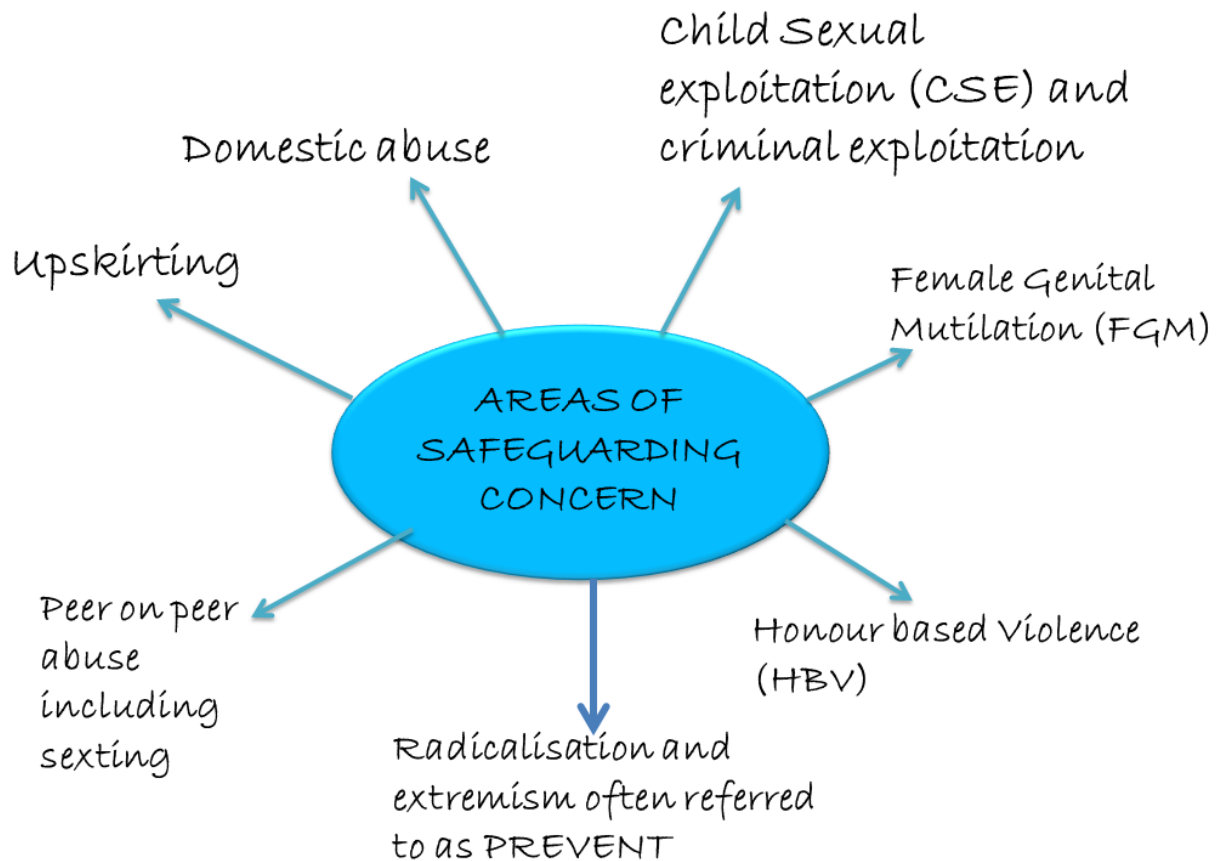
The four main areas of abuse are:

1. Physical Abuse – hitting, shaking, throwing, biting, poisoning, burning or scalding, drowning, suffocating or otherwise causing physical harm to a child.
2. Sexual Abuse – this doesn't always mean actually touching a child. It could be someone making you watch things to do with sex or encouraging you to act in an inappropriate way.
3. Neglect – this means things like not providing meals or warmth or clothing. Or perhaps not taking you to the Doctors when you need to go. There may be lots of different reasons why a child is neglected and it is really important that we know so we can help.
4. Emotional Abuse – This means when someone upsets you or makes you feel bad. If someone in your family says horrible things to you and makes you feel sad and worthless.



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These are just a few examples for you of safeguarding issues, if you think you may (or someone you know) may have a problem then **DON'T KEEP IT A SECRET**. Talk to:

Sarah Gilbert – the Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mr Allen – Headteacher

Mrs Rowley Deputy Headteacher

Or any other trusted adult.

Abuse is NEVER ok and if you are being or have been abused remember it is not your fault. you should always tell someone to help it stop.



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What Happens Next?

When you have spoken to a member of staff, they will let you know that what you have said is important.

They will check you are ok.

They will tell you what they need to do next.

They will speak to Sarah Gilbert or Mrs Rowley who might need to speak to a social worker or maybe a police officer. Sarah Gilbert or Mrs Rowley will then speak to you so you know what is happening.

You will be supported in school.

You are not alone, you will get help.

If you want to ask a question about safeguarding and what it means to you then come and see Sarah Gilbert in the Wellbeing Office.